



This is a program for you to use three of your five senses (sight, smell, and hearing) to get a stronger feel of the wilderness around you. The other two senses being touch and taste are not going to be used because there are some things that are harmful if they are eaten or touched. This is to help you pay attention to things that you might not otherwise notice when you are outside.

Matching:

As you are walking through the park you will see all sorts of trees. There are markers on the ground with the name of the tree. Can you match the trees to their name? Draw a line connecting the name with the correct picture.



Water Oak

Has small acorns, smooth bark, and the leaves vary.



American Beech

Has smooth gray bark. The buds are long, thin, and pointed.



Sweet Gum

Has five-pointed leaves, its seeds are in a prickly ball, and it has winged stems.

Leaves:

See how some of the leaves have a certain number of pairs per stem? This is one characteristic that can help you find out the name of the tree. Look at a leaf and try to draw it. Draw 3 leaves and try to pick ones with different amount of leaves for each stem.

For example:



Magnolia

Eastern Hophornbeam



Red Buckeye

Animal Activity:

What living things do you see: animals, arachnids (spiders), insects, plants, or birds? What are they doing?

Name	Observations
Example: Mosquito	It flies in random directions, it sounds as if it whines while it flies, and it is very small.
Turtle	Has a hard shell and webbed feet. It swims in the water, and sometimes comes to the surface.
Ant	It is black and has 6 legs. It is walking along the wood railing.
Fish	They are small and black. They swim around in different directions in the water.
Wasp	It is around the size of a quarter. It is dark in color. It flies and will sometimes land on plants.
Dragonfly	It is blue and has 4 wings. It likes to land on a plant and wait a while and move on to the next.

What do you hear?

Stop anywhere on the trail and close your eyes. Let your mind wander. Try to only focus on what you hear. Write down 5 things that you are hearing and try to describe what it is. Can you tell what is making the noise? Also, can you hear anything that is out of place?

Example: I hear a buzzing noise and it is from a fly.

1. I hear a chirping sound and it is coming from a bird.
2. There is a "gerp" sound and it is coming from a frog.
3. There is something that sounds like a rattlesnake tail and it is coming from Cicadas.
4. I hear cars passing by and I can hear people blasting their music.
5. I hear wind rustling the leaves on the trees.

HEARING

Do you smell that?

Close your eyes again and let your nose guide you. Just remember to open your eyes before you start walking again. What do you smell? Do you like the smell of the outdoors? If you do not, then explain why. List the first words that come to mind that have to do with what you are smelling.

___Mown grass_____ ___Outdoors_____ ___Wood_____

___Nature_____ ___Green_____ ___Fresh_____

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Human's Impact:

Humans have a large impact on the Earth. Some of them are good and others are sadly bad. Now that you have improved on your sense of sight, smell, and hearing, write down 3 examples of the way humans impact the earth.

Sight:___The trail_____

Hearing:___Cars passing_____

Smell:___Tobacco from the person that passed__